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Pursuant to Section 707.05(b) of the MPEP and 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, a copy is herewith submitted (attached to form PTO-1449, Rev. 7-80) of documents which may be relevant to the invention as claimed in the above-identified application.

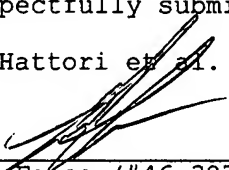
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